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1. On 25 August 1954 trials on the new KVP vehicles P2M and P2S, the personnel carrying scout car and amphibian vehicle respectively, were carried out in Wlmsdorf. Those present were:

Minister Stoph	of MdI
Major General Menzel	" "
Colonel Koppatsch	" "
Major Kuttig	" "
Lieutenant General Vincenz Müller	" KVP
Chief Inspector Glaser	" "

Unidentified officers of the Border Police and SSD

In addition 14-18 Russian officers, including four to six generals, of whom Mararov and Smirnov were identified, were present.

2. The vehicles concerned were four P2Ms, one P2S, one Phänomen truck and 1 GAZ 67 which was there for comparison of performances. Two other vehicles, to be produced for HVDVP, were on show: the Sonder KfZ No. 1 (Special Vehicle No. 1) and Sonder KfZ No. 2. The former is an armored vehicle and the latter a "water-thruster", both for taking action against civilian disturbances. The object of the display was to assess the potential of the vehicles and the future distribution amongst the different branches of the Police (KVP, HVDVP, Border, Sfs).
3. The two vehicles were considered by all observers as most satisfactory and Minister Stoph instructed the heads of the various branches to submit demands for the vehicles by 10 September 1954 and to make reports for specific addition and alteration during September 1954. The Verwaltung Planung und Beschaffung (Department for Planning and Procurement) is to arrange, in conjunction with Automobile und Tractor Section of the Ministry for Machine Construction, for the beginning of production and the assessment of delivery dates.

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4. Although requirements for the P2S are to be prepared, tests are to continue as it is not yet ready for mass production. These tests are to be carried out in inland and coastal waters.
5. The success of the P2S has resulted in instructions being issued for the development of an amphibian truck, and two prototypes must be ready for testing by the end of 1955.
6. On 4 September a meeting was held with Major General Wagner in the chair. The following were present:

Lieutenant Colonel Wenzel and advisers for the Planning and Construction Section.
Colonel Rogahn and advisers for the Vehicle Section
Colonel Fräsdorf of the Engineering Requirements Section
Lieutenant Colonel Peter and advisers from the Transport Section
Colonel Ludwig and advisers from the Escort Section

It was decided that all units of the KVP would be equipped with P2Ms instead of the present limousines which would be issued in the future to higher staffs. The P2S is to be supplied gradually to the Engineering Section and Reconnaissance Section.

7. The estimate for P2Ms for 1955 is 600-700; GAZ 67 imports from Russia are to be halted immediately. A preliminary figure of 200-300 P2Ss for the engineers was agreed on.

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